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SUBJECT: BOURGES/MASON MEETING

1. RELIABLE SOURCE HAS GIVEN US FOLLOWING RUN DOWN ON
LIKELY SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED DURING MEETING NEXT WEEK
IN LONDON BETWEEN FRENCH MOD BOURGES AND UK DEFENSE
MINISTER MASON.

2. FRENCH HAVE BEEN FEELING OUT BRITISH INTEREST IN
POSSIBLE INTERFACE BETWEEN MRCA AND FRENCH ACF PROJECTS.
FRENCH GIVE APPEARANCE OF BEING INTERESTED IN ACQUIRING
MRCA RADAR FOR THEIR OWN ACF, AND MAY USE LONDON MEETING
TO EXPLORE THIS POSSIBILITY WITH MASON. FRENCH ARE ALSO
CURIOUS ABOUT LONG-RUN FUTURE OF UK STRATEGIC FORCE AND
WILL PROBABLY WANT TO TALK TO MASON ABOUT BRITISH PLANS
FOR THE FUTURE OF THEIR SSBN'S, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD
TO POSSIBLE MIRV-ING. MASON AND BOURGES ARE ALSO LIKELY
TO REVIEW THE LONG LIST OF BILATERAL COOPERATIVE ARMAMENT
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PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN BY THEIR COUNTRIES.

REGARDING THE JAGUAR FOR EXAMPLE, THE BRITISH FEEL THAT THE FRENCH HAVE BEEN DRAGGING THEIR FEET IN PUSHING THIRD COUNTRY SALES OF THIS ANGLO-FRENCH AIRCRAFT. INSTEAD, THE FRENCH HAVE BEEN FAVORING THEIR OWN FRENCH-MADE AIRCRAFT WHICH HAVE BECOME COMPETITORS TO THE JAGUAR, WHILE THE UK HAS PROMOTED THE JAGUAR. THE BRITISH MAY HOPE TO ARRIVE AT AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FRENCH FOR A MORE CLOSELY COORDINATED APPROACH TO SELLING THE JAGUAR TO OTHER COUNTRIES. MASON IS EXPECTED TO PRESS THE SUBJECT OF NATO STANDARDIZATION WITH BOURGES AND BOURGES IS EXPECTED TO PRESS THE IDEA OF CLOSER FOUR-POWER (FRANCE, UK, FRG, US) ARMAMENT COOPERATION, ALTHOUGH NOT TO THE EXCLUSION OF A MORE BROADLY BASED PROGRAM FOR NATO STANDARDIZATION. EACH SIDE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY REHEARSE ITS PARTICULAR VIEWS CONCERNING MBFR, AND THERE IS NO EXPECTATION THAT THE FRENCH WILL SHOW ANY MORE INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION IN MBFR TALKS IN VIENNA NOW THAN THEY HAVE IN THE PAST. IN GENERAL, ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, THERE IS LITTLE EXPECTATION THAT THE MEETING WILL PRODUCE ANYTHING NEW. IT IS LOOKED ON ESSENTIALLY AS PART OF THE PROCESS OF KEEPING THE DEFENSE DIALOGUE GOING BETWEEN PARIS AND LONDON. UNTIL GISCARD AND WILSON HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO DISCUSS DEFENSE ISSUES IN MORE DEPTH AT THE SUMMIT LEVEL, OUR SOURCE EXPECTS THAT MOD-LEVEL TALKS WILL TEND TO TREAD WATER.

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